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ISRAELI AIR ATTACHE MURDERED IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, July 1 (JTA)--The Israeli air attache in Washington, Col. Joseph Allon, was shot to death early this morning outside his home at Chevy Chase, Montgomery County, Maryland.

Montgomery County police told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that they have no clue as yet to the identity or the number of persons involved in the killing. Both police and Israeli circles refused to say whether the 44-year-old officer was shot for political reasons or by would-be robbers.

The shooting occurred as Col. Allon was walking to his front door at 12:30 this morning after having parked his car in the garage. His wife, who was waiting for him under the porch, heard shots and rushed to find him lying on the ground wounded. Rushed to the hospital he was pronounced dead at 1:30 a.m. Col. and Mrs. Allon had been attending an Israel Embassy party.

President Nixon ordered a special U.S. Air Force plane put at the disposal of the Israel Embassy today to fly Col. Allon's body to Israel for burial. It was scheduled to leave Andrews Air Force base this afternoon. Col. Allon's family will accompany the coffin on the plane.

Secretary of State William P. Rogers has sent a message of condolence to Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban expressing his "sorrow" at the incident.

Chevy Chase is an upper class residential district some 12 miles outside Washington. Considered relatively safe, it has nonetheless been the scene of a number of muggings and attacks in recent months.

Col. Allon was born in Beth Alfa in Palestine but his family returned to Czechoslovakia when he was two. He lived there until World War II when he managed to escape to Norway. He returned to Palestine immediately after the war and joined the air arm of Haganah which in 1948 became the Israeli Air Force.

Col. Allon was one of the first pilots trained in Israel and received his wings from Premier David Ben Gurion. He commanded the first squadron of French-built Mirage jets in the Israeli Air Force and was subsequently appointed to the command of an air base. He was posted to the Israel Embassy in Washington about 18 months ago as deputy military attache and air attache.

(In New York today, Jacob Stein, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, issued a statement condemning the murder of Col. Allon. "We expect the full resources of the law enforcement agencies of our government to be used in the apprehension and prosecution of the killers," the statement said. Stein extended condolences to Col. Allon's widow and three daughters.)

DAYAN: NO EVIDENCE YET OF TERRORIST INVOLVEMENT

JERUSALEM, July 1 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan told the Cabinet today that there was no definite proof as yet that Arab terrorists were involved in the murder of the Israeli Air Attache Col. Joseph Allon in Washington this morning. Gen. Dayan broke the news of the tragedy at the start of today's Cabinet meeting.

Later in the session Foreign Minister Abba

Eban read out a message of condolence he received from U.S. Secretary of State William P. Rogers. Rogers expressed shock and grief in the name of the Administration and assured Eban that U.S. authorities were making every effort to track down the perpetrators of the crime.

"Zionist Assassins" Accused ARAB SYMPATHIZERS DEMONSTRATE FOR EL FATAH MAN KILLED IN PARIS BOMB BLAST

PARIS, July 1 (JTA)--One hundred Arab and leftist sympathizers demonstrated here yesterday in memory of pro-Palestinian activist Mohamed Boudia. Police hinted that the 41-year-old Algerian member of El Fatah was assassinated. Boudia was killed here Thursday when a bomb exploded in his car. Police at that time thought he was the victim of a bomb he was carrying.

According to the "Journal Du Dimanche," the Paris Public Prosecutor has lodged a complaint "against unknown persons for voluntary homicide." The paper says police now believe the bomb was placed in Boudia's car, exploding when Boudia sat down in the car.

The paper quoted the Palestinian Information Agency, "WATA" as saying this type of bomb is used by the Israeli secret services. The paper "L'Aurore" says the bomb was "a new type of explosive capable of going off without being wired to a car."

The Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) accused "Zionist assassins" of Boudia's death and attacked France "For allowing them to carry out their work with impunity." In a communique, the PLO said Boudia was killed "by those who killed Mahmoud el Hamchari (PLO representative in France) and Basil Kubaissi. Hamchari was killed last Nov. by a bomb wired to his telephone, while Kubaissi was shot down last April in the heart of Paris. Police have not yet confirmed whether Boudia was a member of the European leaders of Black September.

BOURGUIBA SAYS PEACE MISSION HAS FAILED

PARIS, July 1 (JTA)--President Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia admits that his recent peace-making efforts for the Middle East have failed. Bourguiba, who is in France on a private visit, said in an interview published today in Le Monde that he had not so much "proposed a meeting with the Israelis as a solution to the conflict" as he had called on Israel to evacuate the occupied territories and accept the 1947 partition boundaries as a "basis for a dialogue."

Asked by Le Monde whether he thought his proposed peace plan "unrealistic," he said that once Israel admitted the principle of the 1947 partitioning, "We could then modify the borders through negotiations." He said the 1947 borders had "a certain legality" whereas the current borders were "acquired by force." The Tunisian President said any settlement would have to include "the creation of a Palestinian state next to Israel." He said Israel would never be secure as long as it occupied Arab territory.

Bourguiba said the fact that none of the Arab countries nor Palestinian organizations reacted publicly to his proposals constituted "great progress, particularly so in the case of the Palestinians whom I am asking to give up part of their land."

NIXON-BREZHNEV SUMMIT SET-BACK FOR ARABS SAYS EBAN

TEL AVIV, July 1 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban views the Nixon-Brezhnev summit talks in Washington as the latest in a series of diplomatic set-backs for the Arabs. One result of the Washington summit was to put aside the Middle East problem so as not to impair the efforts to ease world tensions, Eban said in an address to the World Jewish Congress Executive meeting here. (See Page 4 News Analysis.)

He said another set-back is the Security Council's Middle East debate which so far has resulted in total defeat for Arab hopes. The Arabs are left with three possibilities--to renew the war, to let things continue as they are or to negotiate, Eban said. We have to bring them to the stage where they will choose the third alternative, the Israeli Foreign Minister added.

Eban told the WJC Executive members that he could not conceive of an Israel with a million or more Arabs within its boundaries. On the other hand, he said, Israel can never return to the pre-1967 boundaries. He said he was opposed to those elements who want to perpetuate the present situation of no war, no peace. He said the situation now in administered territories was practically and morally justified as long as we regard it as a temporary situation, even if the temporary stage is a prolonged one.

Eban said that history or religion should not be invoked to make the present demarcation lines permanent. History should inspire us but not decide the realities of today, he said. "I strongly recommend that we exclude the Bible or any sacred books from our internal conflicts," he added.

ISRAEL TAKES SERIOUS VIEW OF EGYPTIAN MISSILE ATTACK

TEL AVIV, July 1 (JTA)--Military circles take a serious view of Egypt's hostile action over the Suez Canal last Thursday when SAM-2 missiles were fired at Israeli planes in flight over Sinai near the southern end of the waterway. The planes were in Israeli airspace and, according to Israeli sources, returned safely to their bases.

The seriousness with which Israeli officials regard the incident, the first of its kind since last Feb, was adduced by the fact that a military spokesman issued a communique. On two previous occasions when Egyptians fired missiles, no communique was issued.

An Army spokesman denied an Egyptian claim that the missiles were fired at Israeli aircraft trying to penetrate Egyptian airspace. They also denied Egypt's claim that an Israeli Phantom jet was hit. According to eye witnesses all of the missiles exploded in mid-air. The missiles are equipped with a self-destruct device that activates when they miss their target.

ALLON REMAINS IN HOSPITAL AFTER HEART "MALFUNCTION"

Doctors Prescribe Few Days More Rest

TEL AVIV, July 1 (JTA)--Deputy Premier Yigal Allon remained hospitalized today after apparently suffering a heart attack last Thursday. Doctors said his condition was excellent but that he needed several more days of rest. They said he had suffered some "malfunction" of the heart muscle.

Allon entered the Tel Hashomer Medical Center on Thursday for an examination after com-

plaining that he felt ill. He was visited yesterday by Premier Golda Meir and other members of the Cabinet. He is under the care of Dr. Henri Neufeld.

NY BOARD OF RABBIS WILL BAR MEMBERSHIP TO RABBIS PERFORMING MIXED MARRIAGES

NEW YORK, July 1 (JTA)--The New York Board of Rabbis, representing Conservative, Orthodox and Reform rabbis, approved yesterday a resolution barring membership to rabbis who perform mixed marriages.

The resolution, adopted by a two-thirds majority of 166 rabbis attending, declared that NYBR membership was open only to "rabbis who neither officiate at mixed marriages nor make referrals to rabbis who officiate at mixed marriages."

Rabbi William Berkowitz, NYBR president, who presided, called the decision "historic."

Loss of membership does not affect the rabbi's post as spiritual leader of his congregation or other duties he may perform as a rabbi.

Last February, a similar resolution was narrowly defeated but the rabbis approved a resolution which "condemned" rabbis who do perform such marriages. One of the reasons for opposition to the ban at that NYBR meeting was the argument that the issue was to be considered at the 84th annual convention in June of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the organization of the Reform rabbinate, many of whose members wanted the CCAR to ban such officiating, and that an NYBR ban might prejudice CCAR convention action.

The CCAR convention voted on the issue on June 19 and a majority of the Reform rabbis adopted a resolution which strongly disapproved of such officiating by members. But an amendment also was approved upholding the CCAR's standing position that each member had the right to act in such matters in accordance with his interpretation of Jewish tradition. Failure of the Reform convention to vote a flat prohibition brought the NYBR ban yesterday.

Rabbi Joseph B. Glaser, CCAR executive vice-president, who voted against the ban, said he would contest its legality. He said 36 votes were cast before the end of the two-hour debate by rabbis who had to leave the meeting. He said that the ban would "tear asunder the whole fabric of Jewish religious cooperation as we have known it."

BEDOUINS CHARGE ISRAEL ARMY PRESSURE TO GIVE UP LANDS

TEL AVIV, July 1 (JTA)--Bedouins from the Pithat Rafiah region claimed today that Israeli military authorities were pressuring them to renounce their rights to the lands from which they were ousted last year. The charge was made by Sheikh Sabbah Abdallah Salima, a Bedouin chieftain who appeared at a press conference here with two members of Hashomer Hatzair kibbutzim in the Negev.

A section of the Pithat Rafiah area, near the Gaza Strip, was cordoned off last year and declared a military security zone. Bedouins inhabiting the land were evacuated from the zone and offered compensatory settlement. Salima said that his Bedouins, who are a nomadic people, were offered flats and IL 5000 compensation but rejected the offer.

He alleged that as a result, the Israeli military was harassing the tribesmen and obstructing their freedom of movement.

Minister of State at the British Foreign Office, Lord Balfour arrived in Israel for meetings with top level Israeli officials last night.

KAHANE INDICTED IN ISRAEL FOR CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT CRIMES IN U.S.

Faces 7 Years Imprisonment

JERUSALEM, July 1 (JTA)--State Attorney General Gabriel Bach told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that he was relying on a recent Supreme Court decision in a hotel robbery case for the legal precedent to convict Jewish Defense League leader Rabbi Meir Kahane.

Kahane was indicted here Friday for conspiracy to commit murder, kidnapping, arson and other crimes in a friendly foreign country. Jerusalem District Court Judge Avinoam Eden remanded him in custody pending trial. Bail was denied.

Kahane had been in custody 25 days prior to the indictment with no charges preferred against him. The charges detailed in Friday's indictment relate to an alleged conspiracy by Kahane with persons in the United States to commit acts of violence intended to force the cancellation of Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev's visit to the U.S. last month.

According to the indictment the acts included the murder and kidnapping of foreign diplomats, blowing up and setting fire to buildings and illegal telephone taps--acts prejudicial to Israel's relations with a friendly state, in this case, the U.S. The charge carries a maximum penalty of seven years' imprisonment.

Indictment Based On Intercepted Letters

The indictment was based on evidence contained in letters written by Kahane to persons in the U.S. which were intercepted by Israeli authorities. Kahane has not denied writing the letters. He claimed in court however that all of the charges related to Brezhnev's visit which was now over. Bach, in urging the court to deny bail, said that targets other than Brezhnev were mentioned in Kahane's letters and argued that the accused could not be trusted not to engage in conspiracy if released.

According to Bach, the case against Kahane will hinge on the legal definition of conspiracy. Kahane's lawyers are expected to argue that sending letters does not constitute conspiracy. Bach told the JTA that he will cite a Supreme Court decision announced two weeks ago in the case of a hotel employee who conspired with others to commit robbery but pulled out of the scheme while his co-conspirators went ahead with it without his knowledge. He was nevertheless indicted and found guilty with the others. Bach said the verdict, which the high court upheld, was an important legal precedent with regard to conspiracy.

MRS. MEIR PLEDGES ISRAEL WILL ACT ON SOCIAL DISTRESS

JERUSALEM, July 1 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir has indicated that her government will give serious consideration to the recommendations of a special panel on poverty which found that large numbers of children of Oriental families live in serious distress and that the government has failed to cope with the problem.

Mrs. Meir said at a press conference that the government will discuss the report with due earnestness and will faithfully carry out whatever policies emerge as a result. She did not commit herself however to adopting the recommendations as they stand and conceded that the government is not likely to make much headway in that area before the national elections next Oct.

The report was prepared by a special committee appointed by Premier Meir two years ago primarily to study juvenile delinquency. The panel broadened its scope to include juvenile distress in general and found among other things that 160,000 children live in conditions of distress and about 94 percent of them come from families of Asian or African origin.

The major findings of the report were submitted to Mrs. Meir eight-months ago. Recently she was accused of neglecting the issue and side-stepping the committee's recommendations. Mrs. Meir responded last week by stressing that the final report was completed only during the past week.

She told reporters today that she considered narrowing the social gap and improving the condition of children to be a major challenge facing Israeli society in the immediate future. She said that until permanent policies are devised, a special unit will be established in the Prime Minister's Office to coordinate the activities of governmental agencies dealing with the welfare problem.

CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES WALK OUT-- NO TRAINS, NO TELEPHONES

TEL AVIV, July 1 (JTA)--Vital transportation and communications services came to a standstill today as some 5000 civil service employees staged a 24-hour strike to support their demands for a wage-scale equal to that of engineers. Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, returning home last night from a two-week visit to the United States, said that the government will not accede to wage demands above the established guidelines.

Sapir warned employees not to expect the government to give in to their wage demands because of the elections this year. The Finance Minister also moved to end the 23-day-old doctors strike. He summoned representatives of the 6000 striking physicians and hospital and sick fund management to a meeting at his office tonight.

Meanwhile, there was no telephone service in Israel today and no trains were running. Special buses were chartered to carry servicemen back to their units from week-end leaves. The civil service employees have threatened a general strike beginning July 8 if their demands are not met.

EMIGRE LAWYERS COMPLAIN AGAINST ABSORPTION MINISTRY

JERUSALEM, July 1 (JTA)--A group of immigrant lawyers from the Soviet Union has complained to Justice Minister Yaacov Shimshon Shapiro that Israeli authorities are discouraging them from practicing their profession.

Their complaint was directed against the Ministry of Absorption, officials of which, they said, tried to persuade them to take clerical jobs rather than practice law. They asked the Justice Minister to permit them to take their qualifying examinations in Russian and to help them find jobs where they can serve their apprenticeship for the period required to become articulated lawyers. Shapiro reportedly promised to do his best to assist them.

SPANISH COMPANY IGNORING ARAB BOYCOTT

MADRID, July 1 (JTA)--A Spanish company is ignoring the Arab boycott and going ahead with the construction of two large hotels in Israel, it was reported here today. One of the hotels will be in Jerusalem and the other in Tel Aviv.

The hotels are being built by Melia, the largest Spanish hotel chain. The company has an option for a third hotel in Israel.

